11.05 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Title: References made to the passing away of His Excellency Shiekh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President, United Arab Emirates and His Ecellency Yasir Arafat, President, Palestinian National Authority and Chiarman, Palestine Liberation Organistion. Also reference were made to the passing away of Shri N. Venkata Ratnam (Member Eighth Lok Sabha) on 6.8.2004; Shri Meetha Lal Meena (Member Fourth and Sixth Lok Sabha) on 11.08.2004; Shri Krishnanand Rai (Member Provisional Parliament) on 12.9.2004; Shri Subodh Chandra Hansda (Member 1st , 2nd, 3rd and 5th Lok Sabha) on 26.9.2004; Shri B.P. Maurya (Member 3rd and 5th Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha 1978-84) on 27.9.2004; Shri Kishen Pattanayak (Member Third Lok Sabha) on 27.9.2004; Shri Nilamani Routray (Member Ninth Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha 1976-77) on 4.10.2004; Shri Shyamnandan Mishra (Member Provisional Parliament, 1st, 2nd, 6th Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha 1969-71) on 25.10.2004 and Shri V.V. Raghavan (Member 11th and 12th Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha 2000-2004) on 27.10.2004, respectively.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of His Excellency Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President, United Arab Emirates and His Excellency Yasir Arafat, President, Palestinian National Authority and Chairman, Palestine Liberation Organisation and nine of our former colleagues, namely, Shri N. Venkata Ratnam, Shri Meetha Lal Meena, Shri Krishnanand Rai, Shri Subodh Chandra Hansda, Shri B.P. Maurya, Shri Kishen Pattnayak, Shri Nilamani Routray, Shri Shyamnandan Mishra and Shri V.V. Raghavan.

In the passing away of Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the United Arab Emirates has lost its father figure, the Arab world a visionary and an elder statesman, and India, a highly cherished friend.

The sagacity and far-reaching outlook of Sheikh Zayed has shaped the development of United Arab Emirates as a stable prosperous and modern nation State. His admirable combination of tradition with modernism, his deep interest in education of the people of United Arab Emirates, his efforts in environmental preservation and greening of the desert and his vehement stand against extremism have left a lasting impact. India has maintained close and friendly relations with the United Arab Emirates under the Presidentship of Sheikh Zayed. We hope that special bonds between India and the United Arab Emirates will continue to grow in the coming years.

This House joins the ruling family of Abu Dhabi, the leadership and the people of United Arab Emirates in mourning the irreplaceable loss in the death of Sheikh Zayed.

**President Yasir Arafat, who passed away on Thursday, the 11th November, 2004 was a towering leader in the Arab world, and was recognized globally as an enduring symbol of Palestinian nationhood. His singular leadership and life-long sacrifice and struggle for the realization of the hopes and aspirations of his people are legendary. The path to a peaceful resolution through the initiation of the Middle East Peace Process and the continued focus of the international community on West Asia and Palestine was the result of President Arafat''''''

Shri N. Venkata Ratnam passed away on 6th August, 2004 at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh at the age of 77.

Shri Meetha Lal Meena was a Member of the Fourth and Sixth Lok Sabhas from 1967 to 1970 and 1977 to 1979 representing the Sawai Madhopur parliamentary constituency of Rajasthan.

A devoted parliamentarian, Shri Meena served as a Member of the Committee on the Welfare of Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 1968 to 1970 and Committee of Privileges during the Sixth Lok Sabha. He was Member, National Railway Consumer Advisory Committee from 1967 to 1969; Backward Classes Reforms Commission, Government of India from 1968 to 1970; and Central Sales Tax Inquiry Commission during 1970.

Shri Meena was also a Member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly from 1972 to 1977. He was the Chairman, Library Committee, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly during 1976.

An agriculturist and industrialist by profession, Shri Meena was also a social activist, who worked relentlessly for the welfare of the rural population and for social reforms amongst the backward communities.

He was the Vice-Chairman of the Vivekanand Memorial Committee, Sawai Madhopur during 1969-70; and Treasurer, All-India Meena Jati Sangh during 1968.

Shri Meetha Lal Meena passed away on 11th August, 2004 at Karoli, Rajasthan at the age of 66.

Shri Krishnanand Rai was a member of the Provisional Parliament from 26th January, 1950 to 17th April, 1952 representing the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Rai was also elected to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly for three terms in the years 1962, 1967 and 1969. He also served as the Minister for Health and Co-operatives in the State Government.

A legal practitioner by profession, Shri Rai was a member of the Executive Committee of the "Hindi Sahitya Sammelan."

Shri Rai was an eminent social worker. He also took keen interest in dramatics and debates. He served as the General Secretary, "People's Club". He was the convenor of the "Nagri Prachar Dramatic Association"; and the organiser of the "Debating Club, Ghazipur".

A person with a literary bent of mind, Shri Rai authored "History of Ghazipur" and "India and Democracy". He was also the Editor of a local Hindi weekly, "Lok Sewak".

Shri Krishnanand Rai passed away on 12th September, 2004 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 83, after a brief illness.

Shri Subodh Chandra Hansda was a Member of the First, Second, Third and Fifth Lok Sabhas from 1954 to 1967 and 1971 to 1977. He was a Member of the First and Third Lok Sabhas from the Jhargram Parliamentary Constituency. He was a Member of Second and Fifth Lok Sabhas from the Midnapore Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Hansda was a Member of the Estimates Committee from 1963 to 1964 and the Committee on Public Undertakings during 1965.

An able administrator, Shri Hansda also served as the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Mines from 1973 to 1974.

An agriculturist and eminent social activist, Shri Hansda actively engaged himself in the welfare of tribals. He was also associated with a number of welfare societies. He was the Chairman, State Scheduled Tribes Committee, West Bengal, in 1966 and President, Eastern Railway Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Employees' Welfare Association. He served as a member of the Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes Commission, Government of India, in 1960. He was also a member of the Central Tribes Advisory Council from 1958 to 1960 and of the Scheduled Tribes Advisory Council, West Bengal, for a number of years.

Shri Hansda served with distinction as the President, Jhargram Ashoka Vidyapeeth and Ranarani High School. He was also a member of the Governing Body of the Kagpagari College and Secretary of the Nikhil Bharat Banwasi Panchayat, Jhargram.

A sports enthusiast, Shri Hansda also served as Secretary, District Adibasi Sports Association from 1949 to 1952 and thereafter, as its Vice-President from 1953 to 1954.

Shri Subodh Chandra Hansda passed away on 26th September, 2004 at Jhargram in Midnapore, West Bengal at the age of 77, after a brief illness.

Shri B.P. Maurya was a member of the Third and Fifth Lok Sabhas from 1962 to 1967 and 1971 to 1977 representing the Aligarh and Hapur Parliamentary Constituencies of Uttar Pradesh, respectively.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Maurya was a Member of the Committee on Public Accounts from 1966 to 1967 and the Committee of Privileges from 1973 to 1974.

Shri Maurya was also a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1978 to 1984, representing the State of Andhra Pradesh. He served in the Union Council of Ministers as a Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture from 11th January to 10th October, 1974; in the Ministry of Industry and Civil Supplies from 10th October, 1974 to 9th August, 1976; and in the Ministry of Industry from 9th August, 1976 to 24th March, 1977.

A teacher and advocate by profession, Shri Maurya was associated with the All-India Scheduled Castes Federation in various capacities from 1946 to 1957. He devoted his entire life for the uplift of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. He was also associated with various social welfare organisations.

A widely travelled person, Shri Maurya represented India in several international fora. He was a member of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations during 1972-73; and Leader of the Indian Delegations to the UNIDO Conferences in Algeria and Bulgaria in 1974 and 1975. He was also a member of the Indian Delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference at Havana in 1981.

Shri B.P. Maurya passed away on 27th September, 2004 at New Delhi at the age of 76, after a brief illness.

Shri Kishen Pattnayak was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha from 1962 to 1967 representing the Sambalpur Parliamentary Constituency of Orissa.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Pattnayak was a Member of the Committee on Government Assurances from 1966 to 1967. A devoted follower of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Shri Pattnayak was known as '*Chhotte Lohia*' in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. He worked relentlessly for the uplift of farmers and labourers. He was involved in many farmers' movements throughout the country, including that of the Karnataka Raitha Rajya Sangha. He effectively used the forum of Lok Sabha to seek the redressal of the problems being faced by the poor and the downtrodden sections of the society.

A well-known socialist thinker, activist and writer, Shri Pattnayak wrote extensively in Hindi, English and Oriya. He was Joint Editor of Hindi Journal '*Jana*' and he also served as a member on the Editorial Board and later as the Editor of *Mankind* the newspaper published by Dr. Lohia. He was also the Editor of the Oriya newspaper *Samyak Varta Tatha Vikalp*.

Shri Kishen Pattnayak passed away on 27th September, 2004 at Bhubaneshwar, Orissa at the age of 74, after a brief illness.

Shri Nilamani Routray was a Member of the Ninth Lok Sabha from 1989 to 1991, representing the Puri Parliamentary Constituency of Orissa.

Earlier, Shri Routray was a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1976 to 1977. An able administrator, he served as a Union Minister in the Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and Environment and Forests during 1989-90.

Shri Routray was also a Member of the Orissa Legislative Assembly from 1948 to 1967, 1971 to 1973 and again from 1977 to 1980. He served as a Minister in the Government of Orissa and held various portfolios from 1952 to 1967. He was the Deputy Chief Minister of Orissa from 1964 to 1967 and again from 1971 to 1973. He rose to become the Chief Minister of Orissa in the year 1977 and ably held this office till 1980.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Routray actively participated in the freedom struggle and suffered incarceration.

An eminent social and political worker, Shri Routray was actively associated with a number of social and political organisations. He took active part in the relief work in the cyclone and famine affected areas of North Balasore in 1944 and also participated in the relief and rehabilitation work among the riot-affected people of Kolkata in the year 1946.

A widely travelled person, Shri Routray was the leader of the Indian Delegation to the International Labour Organisation in Geneva, in 1963.

A man of letters, Shri Routray was Editor of the Oriya Daily *Prajatantra*. A renowned writer, he was awarded the Orissa Sahitya Academy Award in 1988.

Shri Nilamani Routray passed away on 4th October, 2004 at Cuttack, Orissa, at the age of 84.

Shri Shyamnandan Mishra was a Member of the Provisional Parliament, First, Second and Sixth Lok Sabhas from 1950 to 1962 and 1977 to 1979 representing the Darbhanga North, Jainagar and Begusarai Parliamentary Constituencies of Bihar, respectively.

A veteran parliamentarian, Shri Mishra was also a Member of Rajya Sabha from December 1962 to March 1971, representing the State of Bihar. He was the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha from 1969 to 1971. During his tenure as Member of the Sixth Lok Sabha, he served as Chairman, Joint Committee on the Lokpal Bill, 1977.

An able administrator Shri Mishra served as the Parliamentary Secretary to the then Prime Minister of India from 1951 to 1952. Shri Mishra also served in the Union Government as Deputy Minister of Planning from 1954 to 1962 and Minister of External Affairs with additional charge of Communications from 1979 to 1980.

A teacher by profession, Shri Mishra took active part in the freedom struggle of India and was imprisoned in connection with the Quit India Movement during 1942-43. An active social and political worker, Shri Mishra was associated with various social and political organisations. He was the Editor of 'Liberator' and 'Bihar Vaibhav'.

A widely travelled person, Shri Mishra was member of various Indian Parliamentary Delegations sent abroad and he represented the country in several international events. He was a member of the Indian Delegations to the Tenth Session of the Economic Commission for Asia and Far East at Kandy in Sri Lanka in 1954; Seventeenth Session of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation at New York, in 1954; Inter-Parliamentary Council at Dublin, in 1965; Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the erstwhile USSR in 1965; and the Nineteenth Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference at London, in 1973.

Shri Shyamnandan Mishra passed away on 25 October, 2004 at Patna, Bihar, at the age of 84.

Shri V.V. Raghavan was a Member of the Eleventh and Twelfth Lok Sabhas from 1996 to 1999 representing the Trichur Parliamentary Constituency of Kerala.

An active parliamentarian, he was also a member of the Committee on Commerce from 1996 to 1997; Committee on Railways; Committee on Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme; and Consultative Committee, Ministry of Railways during 1998-99.

Shri Raghavan was a sitting Member of the Rajya Sabha representing the State of Kerala from July, 2000 till his death. As Member of Rajya Sabha also, he served on several parliamentary committees.

Earlier, he took active part in the freedom struggle of the country and underwent imprisonment.

He was a member of the Trichur Municipal Council from 1948 to 1963 and of the Kerala Legislative Assembly from 1987 to 1996. An able administrator, Shri Raghavan served as the Minister of Agriculture in the Government of Kerala from 1987 to 1991.

A well known social activist, Shri Raghavan initiated several welfare schemes for the benefit of the farming community, such as introduction of the novel system of group farming in Kerala; setting up of Agricultural Development Committees under the leadership of Panchayat Presidents, for dissemination and use of the latest technology for cultivation throughout the State.

Shri Raghavan devoted his entire life to the service of the poor, downtrodden and working classes of the society.

A man of letters, Shri Raghavan had two books in Malayalam to his credit. He was awarded the 'Soviet Land Nehru Award' in 1977 and the 'Sankara Naryanan Thampi Award for Best Parliamentarian' in 1997. Shri Raghavan also attended the General Assembly of the United Nations at New York in 1996.

Shri V.V. Raghavan passed away on 27 October, 2004 at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, at the age of 81, after a brief illness.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

11.23 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, hon. Prime Minister.

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री राजेश वर्मा (सीतापुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, उत्तर प्रदेश के सुल्तानपुर जनपद में मो. ताहिर, जो हमारी पार्टी के सांसद हैं, उन पर हमला किया गया है â€¦(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down.

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री ब्रजेश पाठक (उन्नाव) : उन्हें रिहा किया जाना चाहिए और उत्तर प्रदेश में जिन लोगों ने हमला किया है, उनको गिरफ्तार किया जाना चाहिए। ह मारी पार्टी के सांसद को रिहा किया जाना चाहिए। ...(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I have called the hon. Prime Minister.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) *

MR. SPEAKER: You give the notice. I will allow you to speak. Sit down now. There are some rules and procedures. Let us not begin this Session in this manner.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

11.25 hrs.

(At this stage Shri Ilyas Azmi and some other Hon'ble Members came and stood on the floor near the Table)

MR. SPEAKER: This is not Uttar Pradesh Assembly. Sit down.

* Not Recorded

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: You have to go back to your seats, otherwise, I will be forced to name you.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I will name you.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Prime Minister, please.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Do not record anything. You are not behaving in a responsible manner.

(Interruptions) *

MR. SPEAKER: I will give you time. Go back to your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

* Not Recorded